

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2010, and the telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on February 24, 2010.

Summary of the Office Action

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1–12 were pending. The claims were rejected as follows:

- Claims **1–3 and 8–10** stand rejected under **35 U.S.C. § 102(e)** as anticipated by **Multer** et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,336) (hereinafter “Multer”);
- Claims **4, 5, and 11** stand rejected under **35 U.S.C. § 103(a)** as being unpatentable over **Multer** in view of **Ims** et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0091533) (hereinafter “Ims”).
- Claims **6, 7, and 12** stand rejected under **35 U.S.C. § 103(a)** as being unpatentable over **Multer** in view of Microsoft Computer Dictionary 5th Edition (hereinafter “**Microsoft**”).

Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and efforts in discussing proposed claim amendments and the prior art.

Applicants have amended the independent claims in a manner consistent with amendments discussed during the interview that the Examiner indicated would clear the art of record.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

1. Applicants’ Power of Attorney does not appear to have been recognized.

On September 3, 2008, Applicants filed a new Power of Attorney identifying the attorneys of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Customer Number 08968 as representatives for this application.

The mailing information associated with this application has not been changed in any subsequent communications received from the U.S. Patent Office. Applicants respectfully request that the proper attorney information be associated with this application and that the U.S.

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Patent Office acknowledge the new Power of Attorney for this application or provide an indication as to why this has not been accepted..

Applicants noted this in their response filed June 15, 2009, however, the latest Final Office Action, mailed January 12, 2010, and Applicants' lack of full access to the application via Private PAIR indicate that this Power of Attorney has not yet been acknowledged and entered.

Interview Summary

On February 24, 2010, Applicants' representative, Mark Bergner (Reg. No. 45,877) conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Hussein A. El Chanti. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and efforts in conducting the interview and helpful comments therein. During the interview, proposed claims amendments to claim 1 were discussed along with the distinctions of the proposed amendments over the prior art.

The Applicants' representative and the Examiner reached an agreement that the proposed amendments to the claims would sufficiently distinguish claim 1 over the art of record, but that a new search would be required.

In response, Applicants have filed the present RCE and Amendments consistent with those discussed during the interview as overcoming the art of record. Similar amendments have been made to independent claims 8 and 10.

Applicants noted during the interview that the combination of references fail to teach or suggest the claimed distinction between the PIM clients and servers, distinct from the synchronization client and servers.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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